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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO STOCKHOLM: ARRIVAL STATEMENTS  
AND TOASTS

1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND TOASTS FOR  
SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT TO STOCKHOLM:

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MR.  
AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE  
HERE TODAY IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. THIS IS MY FIRST  
VISIT TO SWEDEN, ABOUT WHICH I HAVE HEARD AND READ SO  
MUCH, AND I LOOK FORWARD EAGERLY TO SEEING IT IN PERSON.  
MY COLLEAGUES AND I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, MR. MINISTER, AND WITH THE PRIME  
MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN YOUR GOVERNMENT. I  
BELIEVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL  
ISSUES WILL BE TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. MY GOVERNMENT  
IS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE SWEDEN PLAYS  
ON THE WORLD SCENE, AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL FORA. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SWEDEN HAS AN  
INFLUENCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS OUT OF PROPORTION TO ITS SIZE  
AND POPULATION. WE ARE ALSO COGNIZANT OF YOUR LONG HISTORY  
OF NON-ALIGNMENT. IN YOUR GEOGRAPHIC CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS  
HAS BEEN A STABILIZING FORCE IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND A  
CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE WORLD PEACE WE ALL SEEK. WE  
HAVE NOT ALWAYS AGREED IN OUR PERCEPTIONS OF INTER-  
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NATIONAL PROBLEMS, NEVERTHELESS, WE SHARE A COMMON

COMMITMENT TO FREE INSTITUTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WHICH TRANSCEND EPHEMERAL DIFFERENCES. AGAIN, MR. MINISTER, LET ME SAY HOW PLEASED I AM TO BE HERE TODAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS.

3. TOAST FOR LUNCHEON GIVEN BY KING CARL XVI GUSTAF ON MAY 24 AT 1 P.M.: YOUR MAJESTY, MR. PRIME MINISTER, ETC. I WANT TO THANK YOUR MAJESTY FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY IN ARRANGING THIS LUNCHEON FOR ME AND MY PARTY. WE ARE CERTAINLY ENJOYING OUR VISIT TO SWEDEN AND THE HOSPITALITY OF THE SWEDISH PEOPLE HAS MADE US FEEL VERY MUCH AT HOME. IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR I AM REMINDED THAT IT WAS FROM THIS SEAT OF GOVERNMENT IN STOCKHOLM THAT ONE OF YOUR RULERS, GUSTAVUS III, LOOKED AT THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE TAKING PLACE IN NORTH AMERICA AND INSTRUCTED HIS AMBASSADOR AT THE COURT OF VERSAILLES, COUNT GUSTAF PHILIP CREUTZ, TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. THESE TALKS ULTIMATELY LED TO THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCE WHEREBY SWEDEN BECAME THE FIRST NON-BELLIGERENT COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE THE UNITED STATES. THE TIES FORMED BY THIS EARLY TREATY HAVE BEEN REINFORCED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, NOT LEAST OF ALL BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF SWEDES WHO HAVE COME AND SETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES. MOST RECENTLY I HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOUR MAJESTY IN THE UNITED STATES ON A VISIT THAT TIME AND AGAIN SERVED TO ILLUSTRATE THE STRONG TIES THAT BIND OUR PEOPLES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. I WISH TO RAISE MY GLASS TO YOUR MAJESTY'S HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, PARTICULARLY WITH THE HAPPY EVENT OF NEXT MONTH IN MIND, AND TO THE CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF SWEDEN AND THE UNITED STATES.

4. TOAST FOR GOVERNMENT DINNER, MAY 24 AT 8 P.M.: MR. PRIME MINISTER. I WISH ON MY BEHALF AND THAT OF MY PARTY TO THANK YOU FOR THIS VERY FINE BANQUET YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR US. THIS VISIT, ALTHOUGH SHORT, HAS BEEN FILLED WITH MANY ENJOYABLE AND INTERESTING EVENTS IN WHICH I FEEL I HAVE COME TO KNOW SWEDEN AND THE SWEDISH PEOPLE BETTER. OUR TALKS HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL. WE HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COVERED A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS AND PROBLEMS FACING OUR COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD. OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAS BEEN OPEN AND CANDID AS IS BEFITTING THAT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE NATIONS. I NEVER FAIL IN TALKS OF THIS NATURE TO BE IMPRESSED BY THE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE SEE EYE TO EYE BECAUSE OF OUR COMMON DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS AND COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY. I ALSO WISH TO REAFFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING OF MY

GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRADITIONAL SWEDISH POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO INTERNATIONAL STABILITY I RAISE MY GLASS, MR. PRIME MINISTER, TO YOU AND TO CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

5. NO FORMAL TOAST WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SMALL INFORMAL SUPPER GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER NIGHT OF SECRETARY' SARRIVAL. HOWEVER, IT IS SWEDISH CUSTOM FOR GUEST OF HONOR EVEN AT MOST INFORMAL DINNERS TO MAKE BRIEF THANK-YOU STATEMENT WITH THE SERVING OF DESSERT, COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON THE FOOD, DECOR, AND THE OCCASION IN GENERAL. THEREFORE, SECRETARY MAY WISH ON THIS OCCASION TO DEVELOP ANY THEMESE WHICH MAY ARISE DURING COURSE OF SUPPER.  
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